SUNFLOWER WOODWORKERS' GUILD
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THE NEXT MEETING **Tuesday, June 27** AT
Kechi City Hall building located at 220 West Kechi Road, Kechi

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Social Gathering @ 6:30 PM
Meeting Starts @ 7:00 PM

This month's meeting

Bill Tumbleson has put together a group of members to demonstrate various router techniques. There will be separate stations setup at once.

From The President's Corner – June 2017

Presidents Letter

Hello everyone! Wow how time flies! I can not believe that June is already almost over. Hope everyone is enjoying some warmer weather before we get into the heat of summer.

Just as a reminder, we will be meeting at the Kechi City Hall again this month. Also, we still have openings for programs this year. If you have been on the fence about volunteering for a program there are still opportunities. All you have to do is contact Larry Bakula and he will let you know what we have available.

I started out learning basic woodworking skills as a kid helping around the house. My first tool was a hammer and a pouch with some small nails in it. My folks were in the process of building our new home and my Dad was doing as much of the work as possible. Since I was a small kid at the time I really couldn't do much. However, he would point me to a location and tell me to put some extra nails there. I even used a little hand drill to predrill some of the holes for the nails. I felt like I was really big stuff. I always watched my Dad and the contractors with those amazing power tools and couldn't wait until I was old enough to get to use those. When I was old enough, I began using power tools for just about everything I did, even if it took me a while to figure out how in the world I was going to make a certain cut.

However, in the last few years I have found some new inspiration from a little experience and a few of our guild members that are hand tool experts. In order for me to explain lets go back to the part where I mention how time flies by, I know we are all keenly aware, but time just keeps getting faster and faster the older I get. However, I still want to try to get some things done in the shop. One of the little nuggets of wisdom I have picked up is that

old chisel in your drawer or even something as little as a scraper can make time in the shop so much more efficient and enjoyable. It was amazing to me how useful a chisel could be once it was sharpened correctly. You can tune up a mortise and tenon joint or a dado or rabbet in seconds. You can cut your sanding time to a bare minimum with a scraper which is awesome since I imagine that we all grumble at the thought of sanding for hours. These little things seem so simple but their time savings will mean the world to your time in the shop. I am still that same power tool guy, but boy I have gained a lot of respect for that simplest of tool just sitting there in my drawer.

If you are like me, and love your power tools, but often overlook the basic hand tools I highly recommend pulling out that set of chisels or card scraper. Sharpen them, have them ready, and do a little practice to get the feel for them so that you are ready to be amazed. I know for me, I often think, why did I not know this before.

PS - If you are struggling with sharpening or general use there are some guys in our guild who can answer just about any question about sharpening or using hand tools. Then there is always Burt's Barn as well if you are looking for some more hands on help.

Vince

Sunflower Woodworkers Guild Minutes May 2017

FIRST TIME GUESTS

Due to a computer glitch not discovered until our secretary had left town on family matters, our minutes are very sketchy. (the editor tried to put something together, but with only fair results) Sorry for the lack of information about our first time guests.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't forget that the June meeting takes place on Tuesday, June 27, in the Kechi Community Center at 220 W. Kechi Rd. 6:30/7:00, as usual.

VP Larry Bakula proposed that we hold a contest that involves a project made from plans found in a woodworking magazine or other source. The project may be completed as nearly following the plans or be a modified version of the plan. The project must be started after the announcement of the contest and completed by the time of the November meeting. A panel of judges and the votes of the members will deliberate and announce the winners at the December meeting.

Burt Unruh announced that on Saturday, July 1, **Burt's Barn** will be Be open at 2506 W. 15th St. (two Blocks north of Indian Hills Hardware. The project this time will be followup on veneering Morning and afternoon sessions (an hour for lunch), plenty of time for working on projects and getting some advice.

Bill Tumbleson announced an idea to start making a record of members' projects and how they go about them. Ideally, woodworkers would write up their projects so they could be collected and made into a manual.but sometimes it's hard to find time to write (I find myself avoiding it, usually), so here's the new idea: a person from the Woodworkers—at first, probably the secretary (Bill Woods)—could come out to your shop and ask you about how you did your project. The writing would be brief, maybe a couple of paragraphs, and it would be process-oriented, so that a reader could follow it easily and be encouraged to do a project like it for himself.

So if you write up a description of your project and how you did it, send it to Woods (william.woods@wichita.edu). And if you want to be interviewed, get in touch with either Tumbleson (edn732@sbcglobal.net) or Woods.

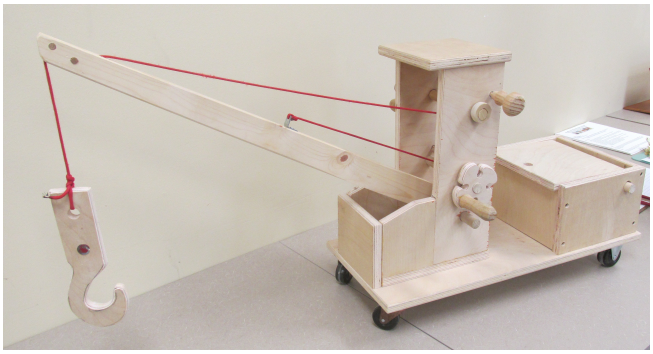
SHOW AND TELL

Gailen Casady showed a spice cabinet he built from plans he found in Fine Woodworking Magazine a few yearrs ago. It sat unfinished for a couple of years because he had issues with supplies, and some technical issues. One inovation was a substitute for the expensive hardware offered as an accesout kit. Instead of spending over $200 for the pulls he purchased inexpensive hooks and rings from Hobby Lobby and spent about $10.00. The inovation of our members is amazing.

A second project by Gailen was more in the practical vein.. A friend with a camping vehicle needed more work space. A combined stove stop cover and serving tray was the result. With one side up the stove burners could be covered, flipping it produced an inlayed serving tray.

Larry Bakula showed a ipad holder/stand for which he found plans in another magazine.

Dan Burch brought a rugged crane he built for his children. Based on the demonstrated use at the Kechi Vintage event his boys love it and were distressed at the thought of loosing it.
Thanks Dan for reminding us that all projects do not need to be elegant or finished to be cherished



Bill Tumbleson brought a very kidproof solid car.

PROGRAM

Mike Hutton provided an introduction to veneering which included first of all the methods used for making veneer-- slicing, rotary cutting, and sawing.
Also discussed were sources of veneer, how veneer is sold to consumers, methods of storage and many other practical matters. Lots of practical tips

Reminder of Kansas State fair
Cathy Dunne presented information at our April meeting about the upcoming Kansas State Fair, Sept. 8-17, 2017, for which she is an organizer. Woodworkers would be exhibiting in the Oz Building, which is the fine arts gallery in the fair. It's by the dairy barn. Contact info for Cathy is: **Cathy Dunne, 620-200-0442** **all4dunn@hotmail.com** You can also access the website: **kansasstatefair.com.** The overall coordinator for the fair is **Nicole Jaskoski.**

Information about the fair will be accessible online at **kansasstatefair.com** by June 1, 2017. Here you will be able to get: **Handbooks for all departments; Instructions for entering exhibits; Info about parking.**

To access the website: 1) Go to **Traditional and Creative Arts;** 2) Click on **Fine Arts;** 3) Click

on the appropriate **picture icon** offering department info; 4) Click on the large tab to enter.

Note that there is no entry fee for exhibitors. However, Kansas State Fair sponsors are expected to donate ($25 would probably be a common donation). Sponsors will need a parking pass and gate ticket. Get yours the sooner the better, as they can run out. Demonstrators are expected to be on the job four hours or more. Days and times for demonstrations will need to be set up in advance. The fair requires demonstrators to stay with their table tops; no wandering around while soliciting is permitted.

The entry deadline for the fair is August 15. Entry fees will also be due then.

Kechi Vintage Market Day

On a day that started out cloudy and ended in a downpour, several members brought items to display and presented hands on demonstrations. There were numerous positive comments from those attending.
Thanks to Richard Wolf for hosting.

Watch for informatiom next month about a number of members teaching some very basic skills to children of a YMCA camp in Goddard.

Several members took time for this project.

Book Review

This month I chose to take a short vacation from reading and reviewing a book. I thought instead I would recommend another media source that I utilize often in advancing my woodworking. My primary source is YouTube. Not only do I appreciate and enjoy certain personalities on YouTube, but I also will utilize it for specific skills. For instance, as I launched into doing my jewelry box project I probably watched 15 or 16 different videos on hand cut dovetails. This allowed me to see many different variations on a single skill. Another time I found YouTube very beneficial was in preparation for my presentation on tablesaw sleds (especially William Ng). One of my current favorite stations is Ishitani furniture. Another great site is the unplugged wood shop The wood whisperer, stumpy nubs, the hipster carpenter all provide good advice and basic Woodworking and shop tips. I personally prefer to just watch skills performed rather than having explained, however, I can see how others, especially novices might enjoy a lot of explaining. Another benefit of the internet is the ability to access old shows like the Woodwright Shop and the New Yankee Workshop.
Enjoy the summer

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